GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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Allocation of Wheat
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a surplus allocation of nearly 25559 MT of wheat is lying unutilized with the Government of Odisha as the Union Government has adopted a 78.83:21.17 ratio of rice and wheat for the State under the National Food Security Act, whereas the ratio as per the option of beneficiaries is 85.82:14.18, if so, the details thereof and the reasons for changing the ratio along with the method/criteria adopted for making the said change;
(b) whether the Government of Odisha has requested for reverting to the old ratio as per the choice of the beneficiaries; and
(c) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)
(a) to (c) Government of Odisha has implemented NFSA from December, 2015 onwards and Government of India had allocated a quantity of 1.26 lakh tons of rice and 0.34 lakh tons of wheat in the ratio of 78.83 : 21. 17. As per the demand of Government of Odisha for increase in the rice allocation, Government of India vide letter dated 01.06.2016 has allocated a quantity of 1.49 lakh tons of rice and 0.25 lakh tons of wheat per month to Government of Odisha in the ratio of 85.5 : 14.5. The above allocation is made as per the existing wheat-rice policy as stated below:
"The States, which annually procure more wheat or rice than their present annual entitlement/demand for wheat and rice respectively, will be allocated the preferred foodgrains as per their requirement in the normal NFSA allocation i.e. AAY and Priority category. The allocation in the tide over category will be the discretion of the Department and subject to availability of foodgrains in the Central Pool, impact on food subsidy".
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